



# Merrick County Board Minutes



## **July 28, 2015**

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, July 28, 2015 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Graves, Kucera, Kreachbaum, Carlson, Weller, Helgoth, and Wiegert present.

County Attorney Homolka was also present.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publications in the Republican Nonpareil and The Palmer Journal and on the Merrick County website. Proof of publication is filed in the Clerk's Office. Copies of the agenda were mailed to each Supervisor and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

Chairman Wiegert declared the meeting was preceded by publicized notice and having acknowledged and identified the location of the posting of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act, called the meeting to order and in open session at 9:05 a.m.

Moved Kucera, second Graves to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Agenda:** Moved Carlson, second Graves to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call: All Aye

**Minutes:** Helgoth said that there were some people that were upset about the Russ Kucera statement that was put in the minutes. No one on the Board said anything regarding what Helgoth told them. Moved Helgoth, second Graves to approve the minutes from July 14, 2015 as published. Roll Call: Ayes: Carlson, Kreachbaum, Weller, Graves, Helgoth, and Wiegert. Nays: None. Abstain: Kucera.

**Meeting reports:** Graves attended a hospital meeting; Weller attended the Bader Park meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup>; Kreachbaum is going to a cert meeting tonight at the fire station at 7:00 p.m. by Emergency Management and went to the Mid Plains meeting on the 23rd; Helgoth and Wiegert attended the 4H Building Project meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Kucera attended a Region 3 meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Officials reports:** Treasurer Bolte presented her pledge security report to the Board. Assessor Placke gave the Board her Cemetery Report and her Plan of Assessment for 2016, 2017, and 2018. Extension Educator Stuhr said there will be 5 soybean management sessions to be held in the evenings. 4H night is Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. and the horse show is Saturday. The Extension Office is closing Wednesday through next Friday because of the fair. Supervisor Kucera commended Chase Samuelson, who is the County Attorney's intern, for the wonderful job he did during tax protests. County Attorney Homolka said drug court is getting closer. They are looking at starting the drug court in October.

**Public Comments:** Wes Beck and Kent Frenzen wanted to let the Board know how the 4H Building committee works. Frenzen said the committee works directly with the committee, board, and community. Beck said they all have one goal and that is to help take care of the kids in this county. The main goal is for the kids of this county. They hope the Board has time to sit with their constituents and see what they want. The building committee is working together. This project will be a benefit for the whole county. They asked the Board to keep a positive face and that what the County Board puts forward should be positive.

**Hospital update:** Julie Murray gave a brief hospital update to the Board. The hospital will be recognizing Jack Barton, facilities director who is retiring. They were recertified as a level 4 trauma center. Dr. Traci Dieckmann will be joining them December 1<sup>st</sup>. Murray wanted to thank the auxillary for the new scope equipment in the surgery department.

**Six month report:** Treasurer Bolte presented her six month report. Moved Graves, second Carlson to accept and have the finance committee sign the Treasurer's six month report.

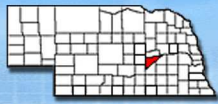
**Child Advocacy:** Moved Graves, second Kucera to approve \$4,000.00 for Child Advocacy for support for fiscal year 2015-2016. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Bader Park:** Graves said he was not ready to make a decision on the Bader Park budget request. Kucera said that she would like to wait until Weller brings the finance information to the Board. The Bader Park budget will be tabled for now.

**District 5 Probation:** Shane Stutzman, District 5 Probation Director gave a brief overview of her office, the duties and why they are requesting \$15,888.00 for fiscal year 2015-2016. Kucera would like to table the decision to approve or disapprove until the Board could discuss the information further.

**4H Building bid documents:** Extension Educator Stuhr presented a copy of what the building committee voted on and how they voted on the bid packages. Helgoth said the easement needed to be discussed before the Board went any further. Attorney Homolka said the lease and easement agreement had been approved and signed by the County Board and Extension but then went to the Ag Society and has not been returned signed. It needs to be turned in to the Clerk's office and recorded. Homolka said bond council had advised that the Board go no further (sign any contracts) and they will not allow the bonds to be issued until the lease and easement agreement is signed and recorded in the Clerk's Office. Moved Helgoth, second Graves to go through the alternates of the bid document. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Alternates from bid package #1:** Should this alternate be moved to bid package #3:



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Moved Helgoth, second Graves to approve A1: Change standing seam metal roof to manufacturer's standard ribbed screw-down profile roof. Moved Helgoth, second Graves to approve. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Helgoth, second Graves to approve A2: Delete metal liner panel from Arena Building A100. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Helgoth, second Graves to approve Remove all wall and roof insulation from Arena A100. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Helgoth, second Graves to approve A4: Remove all exterior wall panels and girts from Arena A100. Roll Call: Ayes: Helgoth and Wiegert. Nays: Kucera, Kreachbaum, Weller, and Carlson. Motion failed. Moved Helgoth, second Graves to approve A5: Remove front overhang from education building. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Helgoth, second Graves to approve A6: Change colored screwed down metal roof to galvanized screw down metal roof for Arena A100. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Helgoth, second Graves to approve A7: Eliminate Arena Building and change west exterior of education building to metal wall panels. Roll Call: Ayes: Carlson, Weller, Graves, Helgoth, and Wiegert. Nays: Kreachbaum and Kucera. **Alternates from bid package #2:** Should this alternate be moved to bid package #3: Moved Helgoth, second Graves to approve A1: Eliminate gas-fired unit heaters and associated gas piping from Arena building A100. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Helgoth, second Graves to approve A2: Remove all associated doors, windows, walls, mechanical and electrical and plumbing from Vestibule A101. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Helgoth, second Graves to approve A3: Remove all concrete floor slabs located in Arena building A100. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Helgoth, second Graves to approve A4: Remove all interior walls, windows, and doors around rooms B115, B116, B117, and east wall of B114. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Helgoth, second Graves to approve A5: Eliminate all floor finishes in entire building. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Helgoth, second Graves to approve A6: Eliminate all painting. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Helgoth, second Graves to approve A7: Remove all exterior brick wainscot and replace with accent color metal wall panels. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Helgoth, second Graves to approve A8: Change all acoustical ceiling tile from 2x2 to 2x4. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Proposed Alternates from 4-H Building Committee Members:** Moved Helgoth, second Graves to approve proposed alternate site prep work. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Helgoth, second Graves to approved alternate remove water supply line from Fairground Road to building. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Helgoth, second Graves to decline proposed alternate eliminate storage closets on west end of education wing. Chase Samuelson told the Board that they cannot make a motion to decline according to Roberts' Rules. Moved Helgoth, second Graves to withdraw the motion to decline proposed alternate eliminate storage closets on west end of education wing. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Graves, second Carlson to approve proposed alternate eliminate storage closets on west end of education wing. Roll Call: Ayes: Kucera, Weller, Kreachbaum, Graves, and Carlson. Nays: Helgoth, and Wiegert. Moved Helgoth, second Graves to approve proposed alternate Change residential to commercial air conditioners on education wing. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Graves, second Kreachbaum to approve proposed alternate remove B117, and 8-9 feet off of B111, B110, and B100. Roll Call: Ayes: None. Nays: Carlson, Weller, Kucera, Helgoth, Kreachbaum, Graves, and Wiegert. Moved Graves, second Kreachbaum to approve proposed alternate remove 10 feet off A100 Arena on width changing to 140 feet. Roll Call: Ayes: None. Nays: Weller, Carlson, Kucera, Helgoth, Kreachbaum, Graves, and Wiegert.

Moved Helgoth, second Graves to change the following on the invitation to bid: changes date to return bids to September 8 2015 at 10:00 a.m., change the verbiage, commissioners to supervisors, 2014 to 2015 and 2010 to 2015. Roll Call: All Ayes.

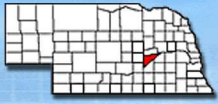
**Fundraising expenses:** Clerk Wichmann ask for the Board's direction as to what fund they wanted the fundraising expenses to come out of. The Board said to take them out of the Inheritance Fund and to keep track of them so they know what needs to be refunded back to the Inheritance Fund when the County receives the bond money.

**RESOLUTION 2015-12:** Moved Kucera, second Graves to approve RESOLUTION 2015-12 to have the Treasurer transfer \$669.30 from the General Fund to the Drug Law Enforcement Grant Fund and to have the Treasurer also transfer \$3,435.80 from the Dare Fund to the Drug Law Enforcement Grant Fund to replace funds that were inadvertently spent out of the Drug Law Enforcement Grant Fund that were not supposed to be from prior years. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2015-12 is on file in the County Clerks's Office for public viewing.

**Budget:** The Board asked to have the clerk schedule a budget work meeting on Monday, August 10, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

**Jail Health Care:** Sheriff Campbell passed out a power point and a list of reasons from Madison County why they like Advanced Correctional Healthcare. Campbell said that Hall, Platte, and Madison were counties that he knew use them. Kucera and Carlson asked Sheriff Campbell to find out what counties our size use Advanced Correctional Healthcare and what their costs are and to also find out what is not covered.

**Executive session:** Sheriff Campbell requested an executive session to discuss possible litigation. Moved Kucera, second Graves to go into closed session at 12:23 p.m. for strategic discussion with respect to imminent or threatened litigation. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Graves, second Kreachbaum to go out of closed session at 12:36 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.



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**July 2015 payroll:** The July 2015 payroll was presented for approval: General: Gross: \$123,302.28 Net: \$85,278.47 Roads: Gross: \$47,676.61 Net: \$33,072.96 Juvenile Diversion: Gross: \$2,714.67 Net: \$1,858.26. Moved Kucera, second Graves to approve the payroll as presented. Ayes: Kreachbaum, Carlson, Graves, and Wiegert. Ayes to the ones they signed: Kucera, Helgoth, and Weller.

**Jail visit:** The Board tabled the quarterly jail visit until their next Board meeting on August 11, 2015.

**Adjourn:** Moved Kucera, second Helgoth to adjourn at 12:49 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk